



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFC

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held February 6, 2001, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Chief Administrative Officer's recommendation to approve recommended updates to the County's legislative policies and goals for the 2001-02 State Legislative session; and instruct the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento, working with the County's Legislative Strategist, affected departments and other interested individuals and organizations, to advocate the policies and goals on behalf of the County.

Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

"Juveniles in our Criminal Justice System currently lose their Medi-Cal eligibility when they enter the juvenile halls or camps. There are over 18,000 youths entering Los Angeles County's juvenile halls each year and approximately 4,500 youths spend an extended period of time in the Probation Camp System. Because of their legal status, many of them who would otherwise be eligible for Medi-Cal reimbursed services lose their eligibility and those services.

"This seriously impacts Los Angeles County's ability to provide the comprehensive health and mental health services these youths need. Without these services, youths will likely return to their communities with many unresolved problems and in turn be more likely to continue their delinquent and criminal lifestyle.

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"The ability to provide the needed health and mental health services through

Medi-Cal could have a major impact on the rehabilitation of youths in our community.

"I therefore recommend that the Board instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to include as part of Los Angeles County's legislative strategy to pursue either an administrative remedy working with the State Department of Social Services or a legislative remedy at the State and/or Federal level that will extend Medi-Cal eligibility and services to youths in the Juvenile Justice System."

Supervisor Molina made the following additional statement:

"El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Park currently includes Olvera Street, a historic district, a traditional Mexican-style plaza and the City's first Catholic Church, 'La Placita' considered the birthplace of Los Angeles.

"I therefore recommend that the Board also instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to add to its State legislative agenda for the year 2001, a support position for State funding for the development of the El Pueblo cultural and performing Arts Center on the County-owned properties known as the Antique Block."

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"The Chief Administrative Officer's recommendation for the State Legislative Program includes a position of opposition to any further erosion of the County's property tax, sales tax, or vehicle license fee revenue base.

"Under current law, as the vehicle license fee is phased out, there is no guarantee that the State will continue to backfill these dollars. As a means to provide a permanent source of revenue Senate Constitutional Amendment (SCA) 1 (McClintock) would provide constitutional protection of the monies counties receive as specified in the Vehicle License Fee Law (Part 5 [commencing with Section 10701] of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code).

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"I therefore recommend that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Executive Officer to send five-signature letters supporting SCA 1 to the Governor, Senate President Pro Tem, Assembly Speaker and Minority Leaders."

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Knabe being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted the Chief Administrative Officer's attached recommendations with the exception of letter "E" on page 11 in Attachment 3, Section VII, Health-Related Issues, relating to State funding for prenatal services to undocumented women, which was continued one week to February 13, 2001;
2. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer, as part of Los Angeles County's legislative strategy, to pursue either an administrative remedy working with the State Department of Social Services or a legislative remedy at the State and/or Federal level that will extend Medi-Cal eligibility and services to youths in the Juvenile Justice System;
3. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to add to its State legislative agenda for the year 2001, a support position for State funding for the development of the El Pueblo cultural and performing Arts Center on the County-owned properties known as the Antique Block; and
4. Referred Supervisor Antonovich's aforementioned recommendation to the Chief Administrative Officer for analysis of Senate Constitution Amendment 1 (McClintock), legislation which would provide constitutional protection of the monies counties receive as specified in the Vehicle License Fee Law (Part 5 [commencing with Section 10701] of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code).

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Attachment

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